

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of Contracting and Procurement**



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE MODIFICATION TO EXTEND A CONTRACT**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health (DC Health)

**CONTRACT NO.:** CW46185

**CONTRACTOR:** Ramsell Corporation

**CAPTION:** Pharmacy Benefit Management System

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, 1701 and 2005.2(b)

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of DC Health is seeking to extend Contract No. CW46185 with Ramsell Corporation to continue serving as the Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) for DC Health's Aids Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). This program provides access to prescription coverage and health care for eligible District residents with HIV who are uninsured or underinsured. The Contractor is currently providing the following services in one single, seamless, and integrated system:

- Pharmacy Benefits Management
- 340B Drug Pricing Program
- Medication Management Services
- Medication Assisted Therapy
- Claim Adjudication Services
- Insurance Premium Payments
- Prescription Co-Payments
- Drug Rebate Program

The period of performance shall be from August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

3. **ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated price for the extension is \$995,000.00.

4. **FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

- A. DC Health is requesting an extension to ensure continuity of services for ADAP clients in need of HIV life saving medications and healthcare services. Disruption of services could lead to an increase in the spread of the virus among District residents due to nonadherence of medication regimens and loss of prescription medication.
- B. Ramsell Corporation can ensure continuity of services without interruption through its established infrastructure and demonstrated capacity in providing PBM services. Their services and expertise has helped the District contain costs, increase efficiency and improve outcomes for the past five years. Ramsell is the only PBM that is currently offering a comprehensive package of services needed to meet all requirements and needs of DC's ADAP pharmacy benefits program, Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) 340 B drug rebate program, DC's pharmacy benefits assistance program, and DC's medication assistance program.
- C. The District receives grant funds through the Ryan White Legislation to provide medications to treat HIV diseases. This sole source contract extension will allow the District to remain in compliance with HRSA and the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2009, Part B. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS program is codified in Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act and is the largest federal program focused exclusively on HIV care.
- D. The Office of Contracting and Procurement is in the process of issuing a Request for Proposal for these critical services. Until a new contract is awarded, the services set forth must be sustained, and it is not feasible or practical to change contractors for the interim period.

5. **CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

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LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, MD, MPH  
Director, Department of Health

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6. **CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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Date

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Dorothy Hale  
Contracting Officer

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Date

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Wil Giles  
Chief Contracting Officer

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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George Schutter.  
Chief Procurement Officer